## **Business Resources**

The U.S. Virgin Islands has a variety of resources to help new and growing businesses. The Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority works to promote ownership and expansion of small businesses by U.S. Virgin Islands residents through the **Economic Development Bank**, an entity under the VIEDA. The EDB gives would-be entrepreneurs the financial resources and technical assistance required to create and grow successful small businesses. The **Virgin Islands Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**, a partnership of the University of the Virgin Islands and the U.S. Small Business Administration, provides broad-based management and technical assistance to persons interested in starting a business or those individuals who are already in business.

We have assembled a collection of websites that provide helpful information for new and growing businesses.

- Getting Started
  - o Virgin Islands Small Business Development Center
  - o Office of the Lt. Governor Corporation & Trade Name Registration
  - o Virgin Islands Bureau of Internal Revenue Tax Authority
  - o Virgin Islands Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs Business Licenses
  - · Virgin Islands Department of Planning & Natural Resources Permits, Zoning & Environmental
  - o Virgin Islands Department of Labor Job Training, Labor Statistics, Occupational Safety
  - o <u>Virgin Islands Department of Health</u> Health inspection/permits
  - <u>Virgin Islands Police Department</u> Police records, finger prints, background checks
  - o Water and Power Authority
- Partners
  - UVI Research & Technology Park
- General Information
  - o Governor Kenneth E. Mapp
  - o All VI Government Agencies
  - o Virgin Islands Next Generation Network
  - US Small Business Administration
  - o Virgin Islands Bureau of Economic Research
  - Virgin Islands Port Authority
  - <u>Historic Preservation Office</u>
  - o Virgin Islands Department of Tourism
  - o University of the Virgin Islands (UVI)
- Chambers

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- St. Croix Chamber of Commerce
- o St. Thomas/St. John Chamber of Commerce
- Virgin Islands Bar Association
- Stakeholders
  - St. Croix Foundation (Christiansted)
  - Our Town Frederiksted (Frederiksted)

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